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Memorandum of Conversation, 5 January 1956

Participants: Mr. Allen Dulles, Mr. Sherman Adams and  
Colonel Goodpasture

This discussion was held at the request of Mr. Dulles to obtain the advice of Mr. Adams on the problem of the new CIA headquarters building. Mr. Dulles described the current status of the problem, including the recent adverse recommendation by the National Capital Planning Commission. In this connection, he wished to check the advice of Mr. Adams and Colonel Goodpasture as to the firmness of the President's previously expressed view that CIA should not locate in the District of Columbia.

Both Mr. Adams and Colonel Goodpasture stated that they felt the President would adhere to his original view that CIA should locate outside of the District. Mr. Adams did not seem particularly disturbed by the fact that the National Capital Planning Commission had recommended against the Langley site by a close vote, or by the fact that certain newspapers and groups of individuals were carrying on a vigorous campaign to insure that CIA did not locate in Langley.

It was agreed that the problem of the CIA building and other CIA problems should be discussed with the President upon his return to Washington. Mr. Dulles indicated that he also felt that Congressional leaders should be consulted before any final decision of the location of the building is made.

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